La Peña Cultural Center
3105 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94705
Dated Matter
Time Value: 1 September 2007

La Peña Cultural Center

Administrative Office Hours
Mon. - Fri. 10am - 5pm
(510) 849-2568
(press ext. 4 for program info.)
(press *2 for staff directory)
email: info@lapena.org / www.lapena.org

La Tienda Day Box Office

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Wed. - Sat., 1 - 6pm
(510) 849-2568 ext. 20 or www.lapena.org

Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Wed. & Thu. 10am - 2pm & 5:30pm - 9:30pm
Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10am - 10:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800

* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California and the National Performance Network (NPN).

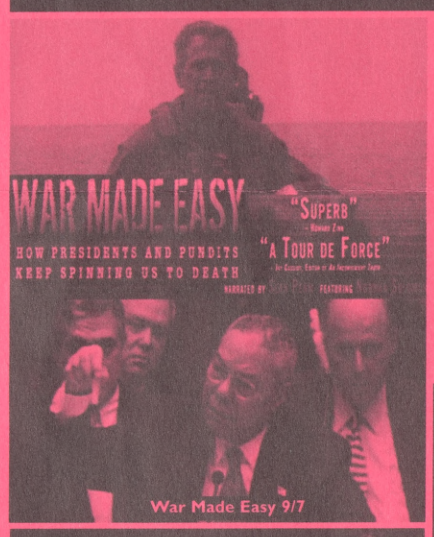
Two-Month Calendar
See back for October

La Peña

www.lapena.org

La Peña Calendar of Events • September • 2007

(OCTOBER 07 ON THE BACK)

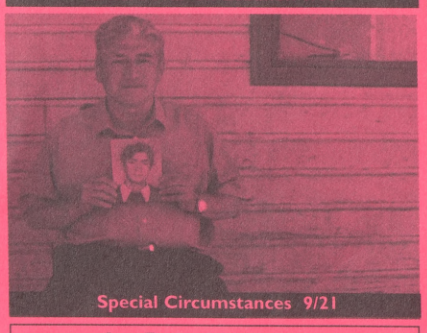


War Made Easy 9/7

Cuarteto Latinoamericano de Saxofones 9/22

Akosua 9/29

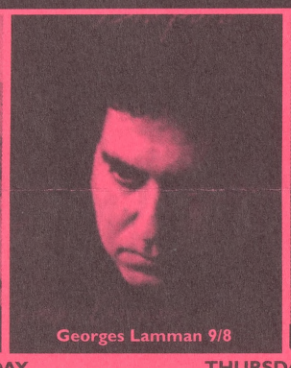
Israel's War on Lebanon 9/13


Special Circumstances 9/21

La Peña Wish List
6' plastic folding utility tables for our events, Large projection screen 8' X 10', Bass amp, Call us at (510) 849-2568 ext. 17

Araucaria 9/15 & 16

Otro Mundo 9/6


Georges Lamman 9/8

Milta Ortiz 9/9

Rafael Manriquez 9/14

SATURDAY

1 WWW.LAPENA.ORG

NO EVENING PROGRAM
CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

FALL CLASSES START

Visit our website www.lapena.org for fall class schedule

SUNDAY

2 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM

NO EVENING PROGRAM
CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Adv. Ticket Information
Advance sale tickets are available for a **select** number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org. ***Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.*** People with special needs should call **(510) 849-2568 ext. 20**

9 THEATER

Find a husband, life partner, boyfriend… whatever!

Scatter My Red Underwear

In a one woman *tour de force*, actress ***Milta Ortiz***, ruminates on the anxieties, & struggles of 4 women of color walking a complex tightrope between salvation & self-destruction in their sometimes neurotic search for love & self-realization. Directed by ***Marc David Pinate***.

8pm $10 gen., $7 Stud. w/ID

16 MUSIC AND DANCE

Araucaria & Friends

Celebrando el Día de la Independencia chilena. Un encuentro de música y danza chilena a cargo de Araucaria y Amigos. Un recorrido por Chile y su folklor.

7:30pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

23 GRITO DE LARES

Bay Area Boricuas Presents The Bay Area's Annual Grito de Lares Celebration:

We Will Not Forget!

A commemoration of Puerto Rico's struggle for independence & human rights for our people! Performances by the Bay's most talented Boricuas, including Melissa Rivera, Aya De Leon, Rico Pabón, Eric Aviles plus other guests. Live Bomba y Plena by Cacique y Kongo.

4pm $10-$15 sliding scale

30 CONCERT

Asteria Records presents

World Music Fusion

featuring Quinda Groove, Andean instruments mixed with folk rock, and Agent Double E, Latin reggae and rock, made in Argentina. Special guests: Meli, Celtic Caribbean music, Brother Ayouba, reggae from the Ivory Coast, award winning poet Joshua Walters and multi-talented Xavier Miranda.

7:30pm $12

WEDNESDAY

5 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Check La Peña's web site for UP-TO-THE-MINUTE programming
WWW.LAPENA.ORG

LA PEÑA FOR RENT

Priority is given to day time use. Call us for affordable quotes: (510) 849-2568 exts. 17 or 11

12 POETRY

Voices from Puerto Rico and Hawaii

Women Resisting Militarism & Creating a Culture of Life

Women for Genuine Security & PANA Institute present Puerto Rican & Hawaiian women activists sharing experiences & projects to transform communities affected by US militarism, to change policies & create cultures of life, & justice. Hosted by Bay Area Boricuas

6:30pm $5-$10 Donation*

19 CHILEAN FONDA @ CAFE

Film Forum with SF delegation that attended the 75th anniversary of the 1932 genocide.

Ama: La Memoria del Tiempo/Memory of Time

63 min. documentary on Jose Feliciano Ama, spiritual grandmaster, and Chief of the Izalcos, a Nahua-Pipil Nation, of El Salvador and his family, the survivors of the 1932 genocide. An intimate quest of Don Juan Ama, to clear his unde's name and restore the family & tribal dignity. Filmmaker Daniel Flores will be present to answer questions.

7:30pm $5-$20 sliding scale*

26 LATINO FILM FEST

Diego Armando Maradona is arguably the best soccer player of all times.

Loving Maradona

(Javier Martín Vázquez, 2005, 75 min., Brazil, Argentina. Spanish w/English subtitles). This documentary is an audio-visual scrapbook of loving memories about this phenomenal athlete and politically controversial Argentine hero who is adored and honored as a religious icon.

7pm $6 gen. $5 festival members

THURSDAY

6 SALSA DANCING

A 10 piece band playing the best of classic salsa, mixing in great cumbias and merengues.

Otros Mundos

The band features great vocals, tight rhythms and a powerful horn section. The members of the band have united in the Bay Area from all parts of the Americas to create the exciting sound of Otro Mundo.

8pm $10

13 LECTURE/SLIDESHOW

Lebanon, A Year Later:

The Aftermath of Israel's War on Lebanon

and the Sectarian Dilemma

A lecture/slideshow presentation by Zeina Zaatari, PhD. Sponsored by The National Council of Arab Americans.

7:30pm Donations
Proceeds to support victims of war

20 CONCERT

Release Party

Tea Party magazine's Issue #17

Featuring artist Michael Arcega, poet Craig Santos Perez and choreographer Sean Dorsey, with music, raffle prizes, food and more!

7pm $10*
(Suggested donation)

27 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

EXILIO:

Creating Home Away From Home

Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the first exiles' arrival to the Bay Area. Special Chilean youth art presentation. Plus video, sound installations, music, poetry, theater, and paintings. Coordinated by Hector Salgado & Tania Figueroa.

7pm Free
http://www.chileref30.org

FRIDAY

7 FILM

How the news media have disseminated the pro-war messages and presidents & pundits keep spinning us to death.

War Made Easy

73 min. Narrated by ***Sean Penn.*** One war after another: a 50-year pattern of official deception & media spin. Historical distortions & exaggerations in a new film based on research & analysis by media critic ***Norman Solomon.*** Q&A period with Mr. Solomon follows.

8pm $8
Photo Exhibit Opening. Cafe Lobby 6pm.

14 CONCERT

Canto y Soneto, new CD with Pablo Neruda´s famous love poems.

Rafael Manriquez

releases his new recording of 13 songs composed by him with lyrics from *Neruda´s* famous book *Hundred Sonets of Love*. Rafael´s music includes many different folk & popular styles performed in many instruments from the Latin American tradition. Guest artist: ***Ingrid Rubis***

8pm $12 adv. $15 dr.
(Concert + CD= $25)

21 FILM

"Special Circumstances"

follows former political prisoner, ***Hector Salgado***, (who will be on hand for Q & A) back to Chile to confront those responsible for his own incarceration and the death of his friends. Produced with Katahdin & Latino Public Broadcasting. Official selection: Los Angeles and San Diego Latino film festivals, Berkeley & United Nations film festivals.

8pm $10

28 THE CHILEAN EXILES

EXILIO:

Creating Home Away From Home

The Chilean Exile Community invites the public to view the exhibit commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the first exiles' arrival to the Bay Area. Documentary photo exhibit. Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception.

7pm Free
http://www.chileref30.org

8 CONCERT

Beyond Walls, Beyond Wars: Arab Cultural Initiative presents

Georges Lamman

An evening of classical and contemporary Arabic music, exemplifying the Arab style of instrumental improvisation & lyricism, fusing original Eastern and Western musical sensibilities.

8pm $13 adv. $15dr.

15 MUSIC AND DANCE

Traditional Chilean music & dance

Araucaria

Join Araucaria's Dances of Chile in celebration of Chile's Independence Day. Araucaria will perform a selection of dances representative of Chile's rich folklore.

8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

22 CONCERT

Direct from Chile! An original combination of sounds and masterful contribution to Adolfo Sax's invention

Cuarteto Latinoamericano de Saxofones

From the baroque to the folk music, this unique Chilean *Latin American Saxophone Quartet* has performed the dazzling music of classical & modern Latin American composers.

8:30pm $20

29 CONCERT

Ghanaian-American singer-songwriter

Akosua

brings the fresh new sound of jazz inspired folk fusion to sweeten the jaded ear. Her songs, punctuated with West African & Latin rhythms and tonalities, are a vibrant blend of folk storytelling and lyrical jazz vocals.

8pm
$12 gen. $10 Stud. w/ID

FOR FALL CLASS SCHEDULES VISIT WWW.LAPENA.ORG

EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Cafe and Lobby: Sept. 1- Oct. 29. **Heading North: Journey to Atacama, Chile.** A Photo Exhibit by **Thea Bellos.** New photographs from Chile's Norte Grande, a desert landscape filled with a vast beauty and mystery that is etched into the deep canyons, salt lakes, geysers and oasis of the Atacama Desert. An important region in Chile's history, Norte Grande is noted for its ancient ruins & whitewashed churches, its indigenous inhabitants and miners, and for the sounds of the wind and the cries and whispers of those who traversed these lands throughout the centuries.

Theater: Sept. 1 - 25. **Tsunami Affected Lives/Moving Beyond Disaster.** Color photos by **Adrienne Miller.**

Theater: Sept. 27 - 28. **Creating Home Away From Home.** 30th Anniversary of the Chilean exile's first arrival to California. Two-Day Exhibits of documentary photography, pictures, mementos & installations by the Chilean diaspora artists.

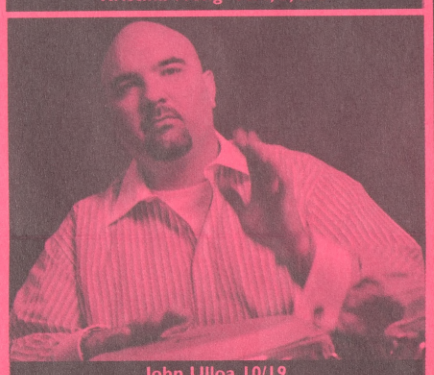
La Peña Cultural Center Calendar of Events • October 2007

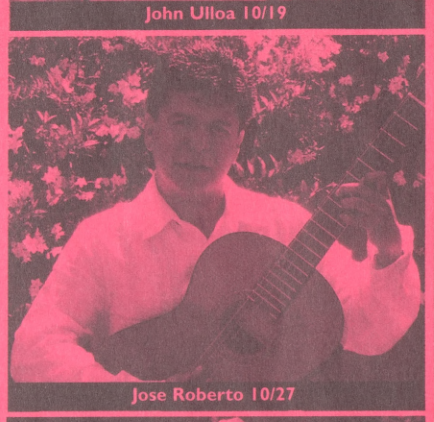
SEE SEPTEMBER 07 ON THE BACK

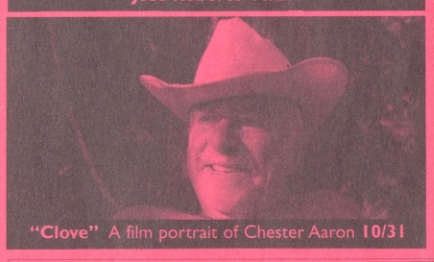
The Junius Courtney Big Band 10/12

SUNDAY

Kristina Wong 10/4, 5, & 6


John Ulloa 10/19


Jose Roberto 10/27


"Clove" A film portrait of Chester Aaron 10/31

WEDNESDAY

3 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Orientation Meeting

Amigos de las Americas

7:30pm Free

For more information visit www.eastbayamigos.org.

Did you know you can

RENT US?

Priority is given to day time rentals

Call us at (510) 849-2568 exts. 17 or 11

THURSDAY

4 3-DAY RUN

FRIDAY

5 KRISTINA WONG'S

SATURDAY

6 JERRY KENNEDY 10:30AM

A take on the high incidence of anxiety, depression and mental illness among Asian American women.

Wong Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Written and performed by Kristina Wong

Incisive writer and performer ***Kristina Wong*** mixes sharp humor and psychology in ***Wong Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest***, a swear-to-god-not-autobiographical, serio-comic portrayal of the high incidence of anxiety, depression and mental illness among Asian American women. Tangling, spinning, and mixing yarns, she asks: Which came first? The sky-high suicides of Asian American women? The maddening world? And when the heck do we get to climax? Wong's irreverent and provocative work has given her a national cult following for "politically charged art with unapologetic humor." -*Bitch Magazine*.

Knitters-cuckoo and not-are invited to knit in the audience during the shows.

8pm, Thur. $7-$15 sliding scale • 8pm, Fri. & Sat. $12 adv., $15 dr.

7 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM

Duamuxa celebrates it's new radio series

Chilefornia

A Radio Bilingue documentary produced by Marci & Ricardo Valdivieso about the Chilean-California identity from its foundation during *La Fiebre del Oro* to the present, *Chilefornia*. An evening of music by **Duamuxa & Rafael Manriquez** recounting a musical history of the Chilean presence in California. Parts of the radio broadcast will be presented along with an exhibit of pictures & documents.

7:30pm $12

14 MUSICAL THEATER

By George, It's War!

By *Dale Polissar*

Funny and impassioned, this musical show satirizing the Bush adminstration got standing ovations at its '04 premiere. "The audience ate it up"–*SF Chronicle*. Now updated, with a cast of nine. Tuneful, witty, & stirring. 4 performances:

Oct. 14, 21, 25, & 28.

Bargain show on Thurs., Oct. 25.

7:30pm $18 adv. $20 dr.*

21 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM

By George, It's War!

By *Dale Polissar*

Funny and impassioned, this musical show satirizing the Bush administration got standing ovations at its '04 premiere. "The audience ate it up"–*SF Chronicle*. Now updated, with a cast of nine. Tuneful, witty and stirring. 4 performances:

Oct. 14, 21, 25, & 28.

Bargain show on Thurs., Oct. 25.

7:30pm $18 adv. $20 dr.*

28 MUSICAL THEATER

By George, It's War!

By *Dale Polissar*

Funny and impassioned, this musical show satirizing the Bush administration got standing ovations at its '04 premiere. "The audience ate it up"–*SF Chronicle*. Now updated, with a cast of nine. Tuneful, witty and stirring. 4 performances:

Oct. 14, 21, 25, & 28.

7:30pm $18 adv. $20 dr.*

FOR CLASS SCHEDULES VISIT WWW.LAPENA.ORG

This program is scheduled for TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Bi-racial, bi-cultural celebration

SporK Festival

Feauring a performance by ***Leila Buck*** (Lebanese-American) about her experience in Beirut with her Jewish husband during the 2006 Israeli-Hezbollah conflict. Also other performances. Social hour sponsored by Vino Rosso. Adv. ticket through this website: Myspace.com/MixedSpork

7pm $12*

17 PARADISE'S CAFE POETRY 7:30PM

The Struggle Against Agribusiness in the Americas

with international guest speaker from Brazil's Landless Workers Movement (MST). An update on Brazil's MST, the struggle against corporate agro-fuel expansion, and more. Hosted by Friends of the MST

7pm Donations Welcome*

No one turned away for lack of funds.

www.mstbrazil.org

24 LATINO FILM FEST

Pre-festival film

SF LATINO FILM FEST

See website for more details

http://www.latinofilmfestival.org

CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING

WWW.LAPENA.ORG

31 FILM

A short film by Andrea Young

Clove

A portrait of Chester Aaron's passion for garlic and writing. Born in 1923, saw combat in WWII, published his first novel in 1967, and retired as full professor in 1997 from St. Mary's College. He grows 93 different varieties of garlic on his farm in Occidental California.

7:30pm $0-$10 sliding scale no one turned away for lack of funds

11 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Private Event in the Theater

CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH & FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING

WWW.LAPENA.ORG

NEW FALL CLASS SCHEDULE ON WEBSITE

12 CONCERT

Returning to pack La Peña's stage and raise the roof

The Junius Courtney Big Band

Featuring *Denise Perrier*, the big band delivers authentic swing and a fabulous night out. *S.F. Jazz Heritage Hall of Famers Frank Fisher & Terry Hilliard* anchor the proceedings. Plan to absorb the grooves of *Basie, Ellington, Thad Jones* and the *Latin Tinge*.

8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

Dance floor available!

13 ASHEBA 10:30AM

An evening of hope and solidarity, in four-part harmony.

The Freedom Song Network

celebrates its 25th birthday, with a musical retrospective: songs and stories from the picket lines, flat-bed trucks, and concert stages where FSN singers have brought energy and music to movements for change.

7:30pm $10-$50 (sliding scale)

18 CONCERT

Jef Mercelis

known in Brussels as ***The Belgian Tom Waits*** returns to La Peña on his second US tour to bring his take on the art of songwriting to the people of California. Joined by ***The Los Shoegazers***, the Oakland warehouse scene's premier "Indie Mock" band.

8pm $7 gen. $5 students w/ID

19 DANCE & CONCERT

CD Release party for "Rum & Smoke", the debut CD for SF conguero/bandleader

John Ulloa

Come and enjoy an evening of West Coast Latin Jazz in the tradition of Mongo Santamaria, Cal Tjader, Willie Bobo.

9pm $12

20 DERIQUE 10:30AM

DANCE

KTO PROJECT

The KTO Project features world dance music led by Kelly Takunda Orphan, vocalist, percussionist, songwriter and dancer. Her music will take you to many places in the world.

9pm $15

25 MUSICAL THEATER

By George, It's War!

By *Dale Polissar*

Funny and impassioned, this musical show satirizing the Bush administration got standing ovations at its '04 premiere. "The audience ate it up"–*SF Chronicle*. Now updated, with a cast of nine. Tuneful, witty and stirring.

Bargain show night: 7:30pm $14 adv. $16 dr.

26 SNEAK PREVIEW

Canto a lo poeta: poet songs

is a documentary film by María José Calderón about *La Paya*, a deeply rooted style of improvisational singing that has been popular for hundreds of years in rural Chile, and the singer-poets keeping the tradition alive today. Q & A with the filmmaker.

8pm $10 gen. $8 stud. w/ID

27 AMY MEYER 10:30AM

CD Release Concert

Tiempo de Bohemia

Jose Roberto & Friends

will embrace you in bohemia on this special night filled with the magic of the bolero, one of the immortal genres of all times. *Tiempo de Bohemia* will present some original pieces by *Jose Roberto* as well as works by some of the bolero's all time greats.

8:30pm $13 adv. $15 dr.

A Special Thank You to Acrylic Art of Emeryville for their donation of two beautiful donation boxes.

Acrylic Art
12900 45th St.
Emeryville
(510) 654-0953
acrylicart.com

Support your local businesses.

Los Amiguitos de La Peña

La Peña's Little Friends series / Fall 2007 Season

From now on, every Saturday morning, remember to turn your TV off & get your coffee early and bring your kids to experience and participate in our Saturday morning children's programs.

$5 adults, $4 kids, $12 family pass, 10:30am

Sat. Oct. 6: Jerry Kennedy, aka J-Soul, brings energetic songs for children.

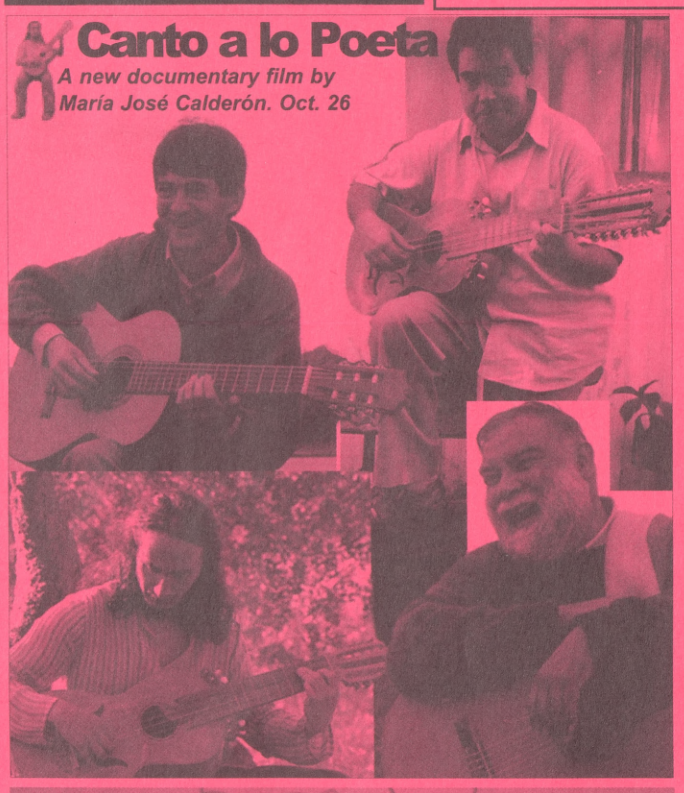
Sat. Oct. 13: Asheba performs music from his native Trinidad.

Sat. Oct. 20: Derique, the high tech clown, juggles and teaches his audiences ham bone music.

Sat. Oct. 27: Amy Meyers Band present a morning of fun & interactive songs.

Canto a lo Poeta

A new documentary film by María José Calderón. Oct. 26



Advance Sale Tickets Information

Advance sale tickets are available for a ***select*** number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org. **Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.** Ticketholders must arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time for seating. People with special needs should call **(510) 849-2568 ext. 20** to make special arrangements.

Jef Mercelis & The Los Shoegazers 10/18

Help Support La Peña with eScrip

EScrip is a hassle-free way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop.

Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

Juanita High Priestess of Operachi

Excellence in female mariachi singing & composing

Prize winning CDs and songbooks

Performance Tours &

MasterClass Vocal Instruction

(510) 499-2222

www.juanitamusic.com

Musical Theater: By George, It's War! Oct. 14, 21, 25, & 28

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!

Alameda County Arts Commission, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, California Arts Council, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, East Bay Community Foundation, Fleishhacker Foundation, Ford Foundation, Gerbode Foundation, National Performance Network, The James Irvine Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Nonprofit Finance Fund, San Francisco Foundation, Walter and Elise Haas Fund, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, Vanguard Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund and to our many generous individual donors.

Making a Difference through the Arts!

Yes, I want to Support La Peña's 33rd year of making a difference through the arts!

La Peña is a 501c non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

- **$500** *Padrino/Madrina* – receive an **Annual Pass,** which gets you free admission to **all La Peña events**
- **$250** *Victor Jara* – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- **$100** *Paul Robeson* – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- **$50** *Malvina Reynolds* – receive **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**
- **$35** *Compañero/Compañera* – You invest in La Peña and receive the **calendar**, newsletter, and mailings (only $3 per month)
- **$25** *Activista* – Student, fixed income, low income membership with **calendar**, newsletter, and mailings (only $2 per month)

Name_____

Address_____

Email _____@ _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (_____)_____-_____

Form of payment:

- Charge my Credit Card - Check is Enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card holder's Name:_____

Signature: _____

Donate securely online via our website: www.lapena.org

Please return to: 3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, CA 94705